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Dear Senator Morse:

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I appreciate your kindness in calling to my attention in your letter of 21 January questions raised by constituents concerning articles about the Central Intelligence Agency. I presume you refer to the U.S. News and World Report article of 16 July 1954 headed "Secrets Congressmen Can't Get: They Pay CIA's Bills Without Knowing What Goes On"; and the three articles by the Harknesses appearing in the Saturday Evening Post.

As I am sure you understand, Senator, we do our best to avoid publicity of any kind. This is not easy to do, particularly with the dramatic type of activities generally associated with an organization such as this. Further, the Communist press and radio is constantly alleging that we are engaging in most sinister operations--allegations that naturally stimulate the interest of our own press.

We wish to make it clear that we neither control nor pass upon articles about the Agency, nor do we confirm the accuracy or dispute the inaccuracy of what may be written therein. On the rare occasions where we do make statements for the press, the authority therefor is clearly indicated.

I trust the above may be helpful in writing to your constituents. Please call on me if I may be of further assistance.

Sincerely yours,

W. Allen
Allen W. Dulles
Director

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January 21, 1955

Mr. Allen W. Dulles
Director of Central Intelligence
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

During recent weeks, I have received several letters concerning articles that appeared in the U.S. News and World Report and the Saturday Evening Post relative to the Central Intelligence Agency.

I assume that these articles have come to your attention. May I please have a few paragraphs by way of information and suggested replies, which will assist me in answering the communications I have received from my constituents, most of which are critical with respect to C.I.A.

Sincerely yours,

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